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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In further response to the office action mailed January 11, 2002, Applicants provide the following.

In the Specification

At page 28, Applicants request that the abstract be replaced with the amended abstract submitted herewith on a separate sheet.

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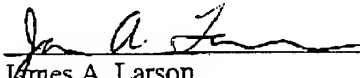
Entry of this Supplemental Response is requested. The Supplemental Response includes the replacement abstract that is mentioned in the Response filed on July 11, 2002. In a telephone call from Wanda Brown of the USPTO to the undersigned on July 24, 2002, the abstract mentioned in the July 11 Response was indicated as not being present.

Any questions concerning this paper can be directed to the attention of the undersigned at the number provided below.

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The abstract has been amended as follows.

The present invention includes block molds and manufacturing processes as well as a composite masonry block comprising a block body having an irregular trapezoidal shape and comprising a front surface and a back surface, an upper surface and a lower surface, and first and second sidewalls. Both the first and second sidewalls have a first and second part, the sidewall first part extends from the block front surface towards the block back surface at an angle of no greater than ninety degrees in relationship to the block front surface, the sidewall second part surfaces adjoins and lies between the sidewall first parts and the block back surface. The block also has a flange extending from the block back surface past the height of the block. Also disclosed are landscaping structures such as a retaining wall comprising a plurality of the composite masonry blocks of the present invention.

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